

FOUR GUNMEN  
DIE AS DAWN  
BREAKS TODAYEscape Opens to "Dago  
Frank" in Disloyalty  
to "System."

## LAST FAREWELLS SAID

Wives of Doomed Men Take  
Adieus Through Death  
House Bars.

## "GYP THE BLOOD" FINDS SOLACE

Wills Made and Warnings to Young  
Companions of East Side Writ-  
ten—Men Face Long Vigil.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Ossining, N. Y., April 12.—"Dago Frank" may at this eleventh hour escape the chair. He was informed today that if he signifies his willingness to testify at the trial of former client, Becker, the date of which is to be set tomorrow by the Supreme Court, he will be reprieved. Frank was further told that if the revelations he agrees to make on the stand are in the nature of a full confession of his knowledge of any part in the murder of Herman Rosenthal, he may be reasonably certain of a commutation of his sentence.

Father Canlin returned at midnight to the cell of "Dago Frank" Cirofici, and is bringing all pressure to bear on the swarthy gangster, in the hope of winning him over to the desire of his family and the district attorney's office. Cirofici, it is said, has lapsed into sullen stubbornness, and snarls his refusal to make the statements which will save his life.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Ossining, N. Y., April 12.—Tomorrow morning before the rest of the country will have shaken off its heavy slumber, while yet the Hudson is quietly reflecting the glory of the rising sun, the four New York gunmen will pay the penalty for the murder of Herman Rosenthal.

The condemned gangsters, notorious now from coast to coast and across the Atlantic, spent their last day on earth under circumstances that would have crushed any man of imagination into reasonless inertia. They heard prayers said for their souls none to depart.

They bade farewell to the persons supposed to be dearest to them. They received from their lawyer, C. G. F. Wahl, the final blow to any hopes they may have cherished secretly.

## Crowd Watches Prison.

They heard the 4 o'clock guards tell their waiting wives, sisters, mothers, and fathers that the prison rules forbade longer stay, and then without being able so much as to touch the hands of the sorrowing ones who wept for them, they saw the heavy blinds in front of their cells drawn for the last time.

On the brow of the hill overlooking the grim prison a morbid throng of men and women congregated conjuring with the hideous thought that at dawn three men in the full vigor of youthful health and one man bent under the ravages of tuberculosis are to be taken from their cells and killed.

"Whitey" Lewis is said to be breaking under the strain. The fervor of prayer and song, which now will be upon them until the end, is said to be telling in "Whitey's" case.

## Gangster Finds Solace.

"Dago Frank" with folded arms awaits death with uncanny disinterest. "Lefty Louie," gangster and gun fighter to the end, whines his protests of innocence between prayers, and "Gyp the Blood," almost etheralized by the never-ceasing exhortations of his spiritual advisers, is going to the chair exulting in a new-found solace.

"I am going before my Maker clean," said Gyp. "I die innocent, but happy. I am satisfied. I am in the hands of God."

Before 9 o'clock this morning, Betty Maria Cirofici, sister of Frank, and her aged mother, climbed the rugged hill to the prison. They stayed with the condemned man and with Father Canlin at their side, paucity of Frank's last communion. They left like women who had seen death overtake them. The reporters declined to disturb them and doffed their hats to the sorrow-stricken old woman, whose son must die.

## Wardens Kneel at Door.

This afternoon two Franciscan sisters who, when "Dago Frank" was sturdy little Frank Cirofici, taught the boy to read and write, visited the death house. Warden Clancy and Principal Keeper McInerney went with them, and at the word of the warden, the heavy curtains in front of the cells were raised. A photograph was playing and Alma Gluck's wonderful voice was singing "Whispering Hope," and Frank was listening enraptured. The final notes died away and Father Canlin fell to his knees. The good sisters followed and then, one after another, every man in the house of death, knelt except the armed guard standing like an automaton at the narrow iron door.

Warden Clancy and "P. K." McInerney knelt behind the sisters. The three bald faced Chinamen in the upper tier fopped to their knees, and in the far end of the short corridor Hans Schmidt, the murderer of Anna Ammiller, joined the bowed group. Slowly the priest spoke the Latin and then by every man except

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## TANGOS WITH BROKEN NECK.

Girl Who Fell Down Stairs Ignorant of Extent of Injury.

San Francisco, April 12.—Nearly two months ago Sadie Lyncher, aged seventeen, suffered an injury which doctors now diagnose as a broken neck, but she did not know it was so serious and went about as usual, even dancing the tango. She had fallen down a flight of stairs on the way to a party, and the only apparent effect of the accident which caused the neck fracture was a slight soreness that developed the next morning.

It was not until some days later that her condition was correctly diagnosed, and since then she has remained virtually motionless, with heavy weights suspended from pulleys holding her head in place.

Complete recovery within a few months is expected by physicians.

PLEA FOR REPEAL  
MADE BY BRYAN

Says Free Tolls Plank in Platform Was Due to Lack of Understanding.

## NO SURRENDER INVOLVED

"Nation Cannot Afford to Purchase Small Advantage in the Face of Universal Protest."

A strong appeal to the country in general and to the Democratic voters in particular to determine their attitude on the repeal controversy upon its merits, and not to be led astray by an agitation founded on selfish interest is contained in an editorial Secretary Bryan has written for the April number of the Commonwealth, which he made public last night. Mr. Bryan takes up one by one the arguments of the opposition and disposes of them in an orderly and concise manner. He shows that the free tolls plank was inserted in the Baltimore platform, if not through a misunderstanding, at least as the result of a lack of understanding on the part of the delegates. He shows conclusively that the plank in question is in direct contravention of the fundamental opposition of the party to subsidy, and in all respects subordinate to the plank in the same platform against subsidizing the American merchant marine.

## Moral Obligation.

While much of his argument is directed to the strengthening of Democratic lines, he lay telling emphasis upon the international responsibility of this country and upon the moral obligation of President Wilson to take cognizance of changed conditions, even if such recognition should result in a seeming disregard of the orders the voters of the country gave him in 1912.

"The path of history is strewn with the wreck of nations that boasted they were all-powerful," concludes Mr. Bryan. "They went down under Jehovah's inexorable law, and the God who ruled over Babylon is the God who is ruling yet."

What shall it profit a nation if it conquers the whole world and loses its faith in the doctrine that righteousness exalteth a nation?

Meeting the "surrender to England" slogan through which opponents of the repeal have sought to stir up a storm of ill-grounded protest, Mr. Bryan says, in part:

"The friends of free tolls gave conclusive proof that they were conscious of the weakness of their position, when, in opposing free tolls, they attempted to appeal to prejudice rather than to reason."

## England's Former Action.

Showing that Great Britain herself once acted toward us as the President proposes we act toward her on exactly the same grounds, the Secretary of State declares:

"In the controversy over the Welland Canal, Canada withdrew a discrimination which she had made in favor of Canadian ships, in order that no cause for friction with the United States authorities in regard to the matter should exist."

Mr. Bryan's statement, in part, follows:

"The House of Representatives responded to the President's appeal and passed the Sims bill repealing the 'free tolls' measure. Two hundred and twenty Democrats voted for the repeal and only fifty-two against, showing that the President's position was sustained among the Democrats by a vote of more than four to one. The Republican vote on the proposition stood ninety-three against and twenty-three for, or a little more than four to one against the President. The Progressive vote stood seventeen against the repeal and three for, or a little over five to one against the President. As there are 425 votes in the House, the President secured a clear majority in the entire House in favor of the stand he has taken."

"As the opponents of repeal have dragged into the discussion much that cannot fairly be regarded as legitimate argument, the Commonsense begins to call the attention of its readers to the facts in the case."

"First, as to the charge of 'gag rule.' The committee on rules reported a rule allowing twenty hours for debate; none

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## TOWN UNTAXED TEN YEARS.

Fargo, N. Dak., April 12.—For nearly ten years the village of Wolf, with a population of 150, has been escaping taxation, according to C. R. Kowitky, secretary of the State tax commission. Although the town was platted ten years ago, the owner failed to record the plat. The State tax commission will begin suit to recover back taxes.

Four New York Gunmen who died at dawn today for murder of Herman Rosenthal, gambler. Left to right, "Lefty Louie" Rosenberg, "Gyp the Blood" Horowitz, "Whitey Jack" Lewis, and "Dago Frank" Cirofici.

MEXICO MUST WIPE  
OUT INSULT TO FLAGPresident Stands Back of Admiral  
Mayo in Demand for Salute from  
Federal Gens.

## EXPECT DEMONSTRATION TODAY

The American flag will be given a national salute of twenty-one guns by the federal forces at Tampico.

It became known here last night that Admiral Mayo's demand for this salute, as part of the reparation for the indignities put upon an American naval officer and marines at Tampico, is supported vigorously by his government and that the rendering of the salute will be insisted upon. If necessary, a demonstration of force will be made to convince President Huerta and his commander at Tampico that this time the United States is backing up its word to the limit.

It is considered probable that the salute will be rendered today. An extension of time for consideration of the demands of Admiral Mayo for an apology and for the salute was granted the Huerta government, but it is not likely that this period will extend beyond tonight. Admiral Mayo originally specified that the salute must be given in the American colors not later than 6 o'clock on Friday night.

The attitude of officials here yesterday with regard to the admiral's demand for a salute was notably stiffer than it was yesterday. The more vigorous tone adopted yesterday is commensurate with the fact that the message has been received from President Wilson expressing his approval of Admiral Mayo's action.

Consternation was created in some quarters yesterday by the intimations from high officials that the salute would not be insisted upon.

It is felt that the course finally decided upon will do more than all the diplomacy of the last few months to compel proper respect to Americans in Mexico.

Admiral Mayo is being widely praised for his vigorous action at Tampico. He made his demands as soon as he learned of the incident of the arrest of the marines, and reported to Washington after, instead of before taking action.

Charles O'Shaughnessy has been instructed to see Huerta again about the Tampico incident, and impress upon him the seriousness of the affront which his military commander at Tampico offered the American naval men and the United States flag. It is likely that a more explicit apology than that contained in Huerta's statement of Friday night will be demanded.

There is no anticipation that any of Mr. O'Shaughnessy's demands will be refused by President Huerta, who has already given assurance that he will do everything that seems proper, including the punishment of the official responsible at Tampico. The fact that the Mexicans are in the habit of making a three-day feast and celebration out of Easter is said to account in part for the inaction thus far. Fighting at Tampico has subsided, due, it is said, to the popular custom of laying aside all ordinary activities for the last three days of Holy Week.

The Navy Department last night received information that 300 Mexican federalists have arrived at Tampico, to re-enforce the government troops now there, and that a federal gunboat—the Bruno—also has reached Tampico.

Mexico City, April 12.—According to the war office the rebel forces at Torreon have been cornered by the combined federal forces of Gen. De Moura, Hidalgo and Velasco. No news from Tampico was given out today.

The government claims a decisive victory over 2,000 rebels who attacked a military train near El Parque on the Guadalupe line.

## FARMER HAS STRENUOUS TRIP.

Beaten and Robbed by Thugs and  
Twice Arrested.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Elk City, Okla., April 12.—Twice thrown into jail, knocked in the head by thugs, and twice robbed of all his money, all on one brief trip to California was the experience of D. C. Coffman, who has come back to his farm near here and declares he will stay there.

Mr. Coffman left here in February for California. While eating supper in a restaurant in Denver he was arrested and locked up on a charge of hitting a man in the State to which he was bound. Through an acquaintance he established his identity and was released.

In San Francisco he was attacked by thugs, who beat him and robbed him. He was compelled to wire home for funds to return. At El Paso he was arrested and taken to a club where he was arrested as a spy and held in jail three days, after which all his valuables were confiscated. He was given 25 cents with which to get out of the country.

After paying his street car fare across the river, Mr. Coffman had a nickel left for his expenses until he reached Elk City. He declares Oklahoma is good enough for him.

## GULPS 12 BEERS ON WAGER.

Drinks Them as Clock Strikes Mid-  
night, Then Swallows Watch.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Beaver Falls, Pa., April 12.—On a wager of \$10 George Kontlerine, a machinist, as the big clock on the Federal Title and Trust Company Building tolled the hour of midnight swallowed in succession twelve glasses of beer. The feat was performed in a clubroom in Seventh avenue near the Trust Company's building. The glasses were of the ordinary ten-ounce size and were arranged side by side on a table.

To further demonstrate his expertness Kontlerine then swallowed his watch and chain, retaining the end of the chain in his teeth. He captured during the feat, the ticking of the watch could be plainly heard by his companions. He then took the end of the watch chain in his fingers, "jiggled" it up and down and the submerged timepiece could be heard distinctly splashing around in the beer. It is said.

## HUNTER'S WINTER'S WORK.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Augusta, Mont., April 12.—Bruce Neal has added a number of wolf and coyote scalps to his belt and is doing a noble service for the cattle and sheep interests of this section. He captured during the winter just closed twenty-five coyotes, two big wolves, two bobcats, and two of those nondescript animals a cross between a coyote and a wolf.

## A FREE OFFER.

A wonderful opportunity is offered to the readers of The Washington Herald in which \$3,500.00 in gold will be awarded to 500 people who are fond of enjoyment.

Turn to the Ben Franklin Quiz corner in The Herald today and read about the entertaining and educative pastime which The Herald has inaugurated.

The Quiz started on March 22 and consists in solving 50 pictographs which represent, respectively, 50 sayings of Ben Franklin as published in Poor Richard's Almanack.

As a special inducement to those of our readers who have not as yet taken advantage of the great offer, The Herald will give free to all who purchase a copy of Poor Richard's Almanack at 50c or 55c by mail, the back pictographs up to and including the date of purchase.

Read on another page today how you can start in this pleasant pastime and win one of the awards which range from \$1,000 to \$100.

ACTOR'S "HANGING"  
ALMOST A REALITYInvisible Wire Snaps When Charles F.  
Weston Rehearses Part  
in "Suicides."

## ROPE CUTS INTO HIS NECK

Charles F. Weston, of 21 Q street north-  
east, foreman of the bookbinding division  
of the Government Printing Office,  
and who plays a suicide "lead" in Pres-  
ton Gibson's coming production of "Su-  
icides," at the Playhouse, is nursing a  
stiff neck this morning.

The reason? It's some story!

There was a dress rehearsal of "Suicides" at the Playhouse yesterday afternoon. The "business" of "Suicides," calls for a hanging scene. Mr. Weston was to be the hanged man, and through the wizardry of some gentlemen at the Belasco Theater, a device consisting of a regular rope, an invisible wire and a little harness for Weston's shoulders was rigged up.

The actor's weight was supposed to hang from the wire attached to the harness about his shoulders, although the rope cuddled his neck in a rough, intimate way. When everything was ready, the other actors stepped "off stage" and the rehearsal proceeded.

The wire suddenly snapped without warning, and the hemp bit Mr. Weston in the neck with a warmth far from comforting. A moment he struggled before everything went black before his eyes, but in that moment Mr. Weston became a bitter opponent of capital punishment. Then his breath was cut off.

Some of the actors standing "off stage" saw Mr. Weston's legs begin to twitch in a manner characteristic of a Georgia lynching party.

There was a hoisting in hot haste of Mr. Weston's breathless body and, in the excitement, too many willing hands assisted in the "cutting down." When they finally stretched Mr. Weston on the stage, it looked like a 50-50 bet that he was quite through with theatricals and the cost of living.

A telephone message to Emergency Hospital brought the ambulance. It was a fairly simple matter to bring Mr. Weston to a consciousness of his responsibility to this world, but his neck was all chafed-like and his breathing apparatus wouldn't work properly for an hour or more.

After the whole affair was over, some one at the Playhouse made sure that the newspapers got all the gossamer details. It wasn't all "press-agent stuff," however, as the hospital record showed.

## CHAMP CLARK RAPS FILIPINOS.

Atlantic City, April 12.—Champ Clark hopes that the Filipinos will never become American citizens. In an address here he said.

"The Filipinos are not the right kind for Americans. You cannot make a silk purse out of a sow's ear. Some people say the Monroe doctrine is dead. They will find differently if it becomes necessary to defend it."

## NEWPORT SOCIETY WOMAN DIES.

Newport, R. I., April 12.—Mrs. Austin Ledyard Sands, eighty years old, prominent in society circles in New York and Newport, died early today from pneumonia.

She was the grandmother of Mrs. Lorillard Spencer, Jr., Miss Elizabeth Sands and Austin L. Sands, of Newport.

## GREECE ORDERS DREADNOUGHT.

Paris, April 12.—Greece has ordered a 24,000-ton battleship from a French company to be delivered in 1916. Greece recently purchased from the New York Shipbuilding Company the cruiser Falanga, which was being built for China.

## CAT TWICE SWIMS RIVER.

Lonesome When Owner Is Absent,  
It Seeks Watery Diversion.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Denver, April 12.—Braving the icy waters of the Grand River rather than stay on a ranch alone, Murphy, a Maltese tomcat belonging to Ad Hockett, a wealthy rancher of Dotsero, Colo., swam a mile when he was left on the ranch while Hockett went to Glenwood Springs on a business trip.

The day after Hockett left his ranch, Murphy went to the river bank, where he sat for an hour, and then swam the stream to the opposite side, where he sought company at a neighboring ranch. Four days later, when Hockett returned and found Murphy missing, he began a search for his master.

Standing on the river bank, he saw his cat swimming back. When Murphy reached the shore he jumped on his master's shoulder.

At the point where Murphy swam the river the stream is treacherous, and several men have been swept down the stream by the swift current.

## GIRL SEEKS COUNTY OFFICE.

Daughter of Politician Will Run  
for Treasurer.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Astoria, Ore., April 12.—Though two women have thus far declared their intention to run for county offices, only one has filed. Miss Kate Kelly, only out of her teens, daughter of William Kelly, who is expected to file for the nomination of State senator on the Democratic ticket, filed her petition with the county clerk, announcing her candidacy for county treasurer.

Miss Kelly two years ago managed her father's campaign for congressman. Kennedy lost by twelve votes, though he was running against an experienced politician and did not enter the race until the last minute.

In her platform she says: "If I am nominated and elected I will during my term of office perform the duties of such office faithfully and with due regard to the interests of all the people of Clatsop County."

## ROOSEVELT PARTY "ALL WELL."

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Rio de Janeiro, April 12.—Dr. Lauro Muller, the foreign minister, has received telegrams from the governor of the state of Amazonas and a Brazilian official accompanying the Roosevelt expedition, saying that all members of the party which recently arrived at Calama are well. The telegrams state that Col. Roosevelt and his party are expected to reach Manaus April 27.

## FIRST FULL BATH WHEN 72.

Sandusky, Ohio, April 12.—According to Sergeant S. N. Cooke, of Cottage Creek, State Soldiers' Home, a veteran from near Urbana, admitted the other day, sighed when ushered into the receiving barracks ante-room to await his turn in the barracks bath, and remarked:

"Well, I'm seventy-two years old and this is going to be the first time I ever took a regular out-and-out bath."

The old man made no effort to conceal a feeling that if he survived the first operation he might try it again, according to Sergeant Cooke.

## COLONIAL MANSION BURNED.

Lancaster, Pa., April 12.—Fire that started from a spark from an open fire place on the second floor of the fine old colonial mansion of the headmaster of Yates School, on the Scott Campus, one mile east of the city, was totally destroyed by fire this afternoon. Rev. Frederick Gardiner, headmaster, and his family are spending the Easter holidays in Philadelphia and New York. The loss was \$20,000.

## TOWN QUITS ON BOY BABIES.

Concrete, Cal., April 12.—The birth of two more girl babies in this town in the last month, with not a single boy baby born in four years, has added to the eugenic mystery which the inhabitants are trying to solve. All the men of Concrete are employed in the cement plants, and people are endeavoring to show that the dust inhaled has something to do with the birth of girl babies instead of boys.

STARTLING MODES MARK  
ATLANTIC CITY PARADEFully 250,000 Persons Gaily Flaunt  
Eye-opening Styles Along the  
Great Wooden Way.

## RESORT IS AS DRY AS SAHARA

Special to The Washington Herald.

Atlantic City, April 12.—Fully 250,000 persons from every city in the East and many from all over the country crowded the Boardwalk in the annual Easter fashion pageant today. Good humor predominated as the throng swung jauntily back and forth along the famous wooden way while thousands viewed the spectacle from points of vantage on the hotel verandas.

Restaurants were unable to handle the rush.

Two youths braved the stares of the throngs as they strolled nonchalantly along with high crowned straw hats topped off their English raiment.

Vellus with spiders embroidered over fair cheeks, parasols, "spit curls," over cheek bones and bonnets turned up on the side to permit of a big floral display sprouting out underneath were in evidence.

Skirts with the stripes running around instead of up and down; underskirts of loud colors flowing like an open fan to the step, min-wheel bows at the back or side of girdles, an abundance of "plug" hats, English spats of all shades, these were a few of the things that challenged notice from the reviewing stands.

The wind freshened this afternoon and the display that followed as the naughty breezes swept against the thin costumes caused a craning of necks at the flat iron corners. In fact, the parade, after it got under way, resolved itself into two streams of rubber necking visitors.

The resort was as dry as Sahara, the reformers having put the "boo" in booze, and those who failed to make provision a day ahead were stranded with nothing more satisfying than water.

Soda fountains did a land office business, and flower vendors put up their prices to such an extent that it was a mighty small bunch of blooms that could be purchased for a \$1. The rolling chair stands also took advantage of the rush and got as much as \$1 an hour for their machines.

## WILL EXHUME DUCHESS' BODY.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Naples, April 12.—The city was stirred today by the belief that the Duchess Novoli, who died Monday last, was buried while in a cataleptic state. The police were so informed by anonymous letters. Physicians who sanctioned the burial admit catalepsy was suspected and said that the funeral was delayed until Thursday when careful experiments showed the woman to be really dead.

It is probable that the body will be exhumed.

## STEAMER IN DISTRESS.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, April 12.—The French Line steamship Niagara, bound from Havre to New York, has sent a wireless dispatch to the head office of the line saying she has sprung a leak in No. 1 hold and is heading for the Azores. The vessel was in latitude 46, longitude 34, when the message was sent. The Niagara sailed from Havre April 4.

## SALOONS 330 MILES APART.

Heber Springs, Ark., April 12.—The only licensed saloon on the Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad from Joplin to Helena, a distance of 350 miles, is located at a little place above Heber Springs. Known as Gilbert, it is operated by Sam Brubaker. The license was issued by Judge V. C. Bratton, county judge of Sevier County.

DELEGATES TO  
BALTIMORE NOW  
BACKING REPEALSymposium Shows Majority  
Repudiate Plank in the  
Platform.

## BLOW TO THE OPPOSITION

Ratio of Those Supporting  
the Administration Is  
Five to One.

## REPLIES TO THE GORE LETTER

Some of Those at Convention Were  
Unaware of Insertion of Free  
Tolls Provision.

By JOSEPH P. ANNIN.

Friends of the administration have cut the ground from under the Democratic opposition to the repeal of the free tolls clause.

A partial symposium of the views of men who were delegates to the Baltimore convention and who voted for the free tolls plank in the Democratic platform shows that the original sponsors of the plank now repudiate it approximately five to one.

Replying to a circular letter sent out by Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, on the first of this month, 238 delegates already have declared in favor of the repeal, 29 against repeal, and 11 noncommittal.

It is to the support of the work done by these men now repudiated by them, that Democratic opponents of the repeal are trying to rally the party.

## Letters Are Interesting.

The Washington Herald prints today portions of a number of these letters. Some writers simply declare they are opposed to the repeal; some state their reasons. It is interesting to note that a number declare they were unaware of the contents of the platform, and some members of the resolutions committee which framed the platform state there was no discussion of the free tolls plank, and that the delegates had no idea that the plank in question declared for a subsidy and was in direct conflict with another and more important plank.

W. F. Wolfe, an attorney, of La Crosse, Wis., wrote:

"I was a member of the committee on resolutions at Baltimore, and since this question has come before Congress I have attempted to recall what, if any, discussion was had before the committee on that subject, and I can recall none. I presume that my mind was occupied and centered on what were deemed the greater questions that had always been issues, such as the tariff, the money question, trusts, etc., and, therefore, paid less or no attention to the instant question."

## No Discussion of Tolls.

Another member of the resolutions committee, A. H. Olson, general manager of the Black Hills Consolidated Mines, of Deadwood, S. Dak., writes:

"As one of the committee on the resolutions and platform at the Baltimore convention, I also attended all of the meetings—I would be one of the last ones to advocate refusal to abide by the dictates of the platform. I believe that the platform is a contract made between the people and the parties elected to live up to strictly, until another contract is made, but, in this instance, I believe that the platform is not only conflicting but also in error, for, in adopting the platform, it was the general expression of the whole committee that we were opposed to anything pertaining to bounties or subsidies from the public treasury, and you will note in one paragraph of the platform that term is used."

"There was no discussion on the particular paragraph that we favor exemption from toll of American shippers, etc., when the platform was submitted by the subcommittee to the committee of the whole, and I know that it was not the intention of the committee to favor anything that would be construed into subsidy."

## Too Tired to Listen.

Along the same line, Judge R. B. Kirkland, of Jefferson, Wis., described the exhausted condition of the delegates when the report of the resolutions committee was read to the convention:

"Had I known that the 'free toll' provision was in the platform when the same was presented to the convention for its consideration I would, while voting for adoption of the platform, have done so under protest. You will remember that the platform was adopted on the last night of the convention, when all were sleepy, worn out and weary; one-half of the delegates were not in their seats, the other half, including myself, were sore dead than alive."

"The chair, in of the platform committee, Senator Kern, was so worn out and weary that when he undertook to read the platform as reported by the committee on resolutions, his voice did not reach two feet beyond the platform where he stood. Of course, when the vote was taken upon the question of the platform's adoption, every one hollered 'aye.' I venture to say, however, that there was not a delegate then in his seat, outside of the platform committee, who intelligently grasped the contents of the document and knew what he was voting for."

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